



AMESBURY

CITY HALL
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MEETING NOTICE

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CITY COUNCIL

BOARD OR COMMITTEE

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Place of Meeting: CITY HALL AUDITORIUM

Day, Date and Time: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2015 7:00 PM

Topics for Discussion / Agenda:

City Council Agenda
Tuesday, December 8, 2015
City Hall Auditorium
7:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** – Councilor Bezanson
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Act on minutes – October 13, 2015 and November 10, 2015**
5. **Correspondence**
 - a. President/Vice President Communications
 - b. Communication from Elected Officials, Boards and Commissions
 - c. Council Communications, Announcements and Committee Reports
6. **Mayoral Appointments**
2015-082 Appointment of Jim Lynch as Chief Financial Officer. – Mayor Gray sponsor
7. **Licenses & Permits – FYI-attached list**
8. **Public Comment**
9. **Council Response to Public Comment**

10. Public Hearings:

2015-062A An Order to renew the Audit agreement for the years ending June 30, 2015, June 30, 2016 and June 30, 2017 with Melanson Heath as outlined in the May 14, 2015 Memorandum of Understanding to Mayor Gray from Melanson Health - Mayor Gray Sponsor
Summary: To renew the Auditor to annually conduct the Audit of the City's financial position for FY2015 through FY2017.

2015-070 An Order to request the City Council vote to hold the annual Classification Hearing to vote on four (4) separate items in order to establish the tax burdens for each class of property. – Mayor Gray Sponsor
Summary: On an annual basis, the City Council must vote on the issue of selecting a residential factor which will determine the percentage of the burden to be borne by each class of property.

2015-071 An Order to request the City Council vote to increase the exemption amount of qualified applicants. – Mayor Gray Sponsor
Summary: On an annual basis, the City Council must vote to decide if the City of Amesbury shall increase the exemption amount of qualified applicants under the provisions of M.G.L..

2015-072 An Order to authorize the Mayor to accept and expend a grant in the amount of \$6,200 from the Massachusetts Cultural Council. – Mayor Gray Sponsor
Summary: The Massachusetts Cultural Council is allocating \$6,200 from the FY 2016 Local Cultural Council Funds to the Amesbury Cultural Council's local fund.

2015-076 An Order to authorize a transfer from Salary Reserve to various OPEIU Salaries. – Mayor Gray Sponsor
Summary: Transfer \$18,235 from Salary Reserve to OPEIU Salaries to cover FY2016 increases.

2015-077 An Ordinance to request the City Council to accept updated Traffic & Parking regulations. –Councilor Ferguson Sponsor
Summary: The original Traffic Regulations were adopted on October 19, 1964 and updated on November 9, 1999. The Traffic Commission has recently updated these regulations to include changes since 1999.

2015-078 An Order to request that the City Council vote to appropriate two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) from the 40R stabilization funds for public improvements and planning. – Mayor Gray Sponsor
Summary: To provide for public improvements and planning pursuant to the guidelines set forth in Order 2007-075 as voted on by the City Council on September 25, 2007, and as further detailed in the letter from the Community Development Director dated October 29, 2015 to Mayor Ken Gray, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

2015-079 An Order of the City Council to grant an Easement to Hatter's Point Capital LLC within Merrimac Street, a Public Way, to Construct, Install, Maintain and Repair Improvements to Protect the Structural Integrity of Merrimac Street and the Buildings within Hatter's Point Condominium. – Mayor Gray Sponsor
Summary: In order to construct Phase II of the Hatter's Point Condominium, Hatter's Point Capital LLC requires Easement rights within Merrimac Street to construct a support system for both Merrimac Street and the new buildings within Hatter's Point Condominium.

2015-080 An Order of the City Council to Amend a Water Main Agreement between the City and Hatter's Point Capital, LLC Related to the Development of Phase II of Hatter's Point Condominium. – Mayor Gray Sponsor

Summary: In connection with the construction of the Hatter's Point Condominium the original developer was required to install approximately 4780 linear feet of new water line. However, due to design improvements, the Planning Board has modified the obligations of the new developer, Hatter's Point Capital LLC, necessitating an amendment to the original Water Main Agreement.

2015-081 An Order of the City Council to Amend Bill No. 1998-140 Establishing the Traffic and Transportation Commission and to Repeal Bill No. 2001-35 Amending the Authority and Duties of the Traffic and Transportation Commission. – Mayor Gray Sponsor

Summary: The City Council shall vote its intent to amend Bill No. 1998-140 and Bill No. 2001-35 to revise the makeup and authority of the Traffic and Transportation Commission to allow for greater efficiency and accountability with respect to the regulation of traffic control in the City.

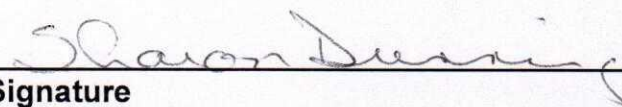
11. New Business

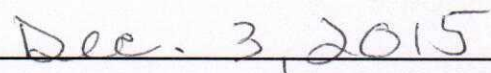
2015-083 An Order to authorize a transfer \$5,500 from Salary Reserve to Police Sergeant's Salaries – Mayor Gray sponsor

Summary: Transfer 5,500 from Salary Reserve to Police Sergeant's Salaries to cover FY2016 Superior Officer's Contract increases

***Discussion of topics not reasonably anticipated by the chair 48 hours before the meeting.

12. Adjourn


Signature


Date